



IFW 3731  
PATENT #

Customer No. 22,852  
New Attorney Docket No.: 09423.0017-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Michael S. H. CHU et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3731  
Application No.: 10/017,012 ) Examiner: M. H. Thaler  
Filed: December 14, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 7794  
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR )  
GUIDING A NEEDLE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action dated May 2, 2006.


The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	40	-	24	16	x \$ 50	800.00
Indep.	2	-	3	0	x \$200	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$360	0.00
TOTAL						\$ 800.00

☒ A fee of \$800.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account no. 06-0916.

Dated: August 1, 2006

By:   
Dominic P. Ciminello  
Reg. No. 54,038



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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated May 2, 2006, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this Amendment.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this Amendment.

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